



The Rob Roy Way

As the name suggests the Rob Roy Way follows the path of countryside linked with Scotland's legendary outlaw Rob Roy MacGregor. Robert Roy MacGregor (1671– 1734), usually known simply as Rob Roy, a famous Scottish folk hero, was a cattle drover and latterly outlaw of the early 18th Century who is sometimes known as the Scottish Robin Hood. Rob Roy is anglicised from the Gaelic Raibeart Ruadh, or Red Robert.

This walk is steeped in clan history and has many interesting features. From the Lowland village of Drymen, the Rob Roy Way makes its way north and east passing by the picturesque waters of Loch Venachar, Loch Lubnaig, Loch Earn and Loch Tay. You will be delighted with a series of picturesque villages as you make your way into the Highlands to reach the bustling Perthshire town of Pitlochry.

The Rob Roy Way is now an official route and was signposted in 2012. In addition Wilderness Scotland will supply you with the Rob Roy Way Rucksack Guide and Harvey Map for the route which stretches for a total of 79 miles/127 km.

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Drymen

Drymen is a small village in the west of Scotland forming the gateway to East Loch Lomond. In the 1700's Drymen found itself on the route of the military road from Stirling to Dumbarton. The Clachan Inn, on a corner of The Square, dates back to this period and carries signs proclaiming that it was first licensed in 1734.

The area - steeped in history - is Clan Buchanan country. Rob Roy MacGregor was a 'local' and this is the area in which he carried out his famous (or infamous) exploits against the Duke of Montrose.

ATM/Cash Point: Cash Machine in Spar shop.

Taxi Companies: Billy Robb, Drymen Taxis, Drymen 01360 660077.

Other Services/Shops: Spar Shop (sells rolls, drinks, etc), Post Office, pharmacy, butcher's, The Drymen Deli & Bakery.

Police Station National Non-Emergency Number: 101 (Overseas Clients call 0044 1786 289070).

Places To Eat:

Clachan Inn 01360 660 824

Drymen Inn 01360 660 123

Winnock Hotel 01360 660 245

Buchanan Arms Hotel 01360 660 588

Aberfoyle

A picturesque village in the district of Stirling, situated on the River Forth which rises in nearby Loch Ard and flows eastwards to the sea. The river soon reaches the vast Forth Valley and Stirling where it meanders and becomes tidal before transforming into the magnificent Firth of Forth and the North Sea. In 1885 the Duke of Montrose constructed a road over the eastern shoulder of Craigmore Hill above Aberfoyle to join the older road at the entrance of the Trossachs pass. Famously, the First Duke of Montrose was a benefactor of Rob Roy MacGregor and in 1711 advanced him a loan of 1000 pounds. The money was stolen by MacGregor's head drover and consequently Montrose seized Rob Roy's lands and evicted his family. This resulted in Rob Roy unleashing a campaign of revenge against the Duke which lasted for many years. In 1810 Sir Walter Scott published 'Lady of the Lake' and as a result Aberfoyle and the Trossachs became a popular tourist destination.

ATM/Cash Point: Cash machine at the Co-op in the village centre.

Taxi Companies: Trossach Cabs 07956 914 988

Other Services/Shops: Co-op Food Store, Post Office, Gift Shops

VisitScotland Aberfoyle iCentre: 01877 381 221

Police Station National Non-Emergency Number: 101 (Overseas Clients call 0044 1786 289070) & Public Telephone.

Places To Eat:

The Forth Inn 01877 382 372

Ben Lomond Restaurant (within Wool Centre) 01877 382 850

Faerie Tree 01877 382 191

Aberfoyle Inn 01877 382 573

Liz McGregor's Coffee Shop 01877 382 225

Callander

Callander (Gaelic: Calasraid) is a small town in Stirlingshire and situated on the River Teith. The town serves as the eastern gateway to Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park, the first National Park in Scotland. Due to its location it is often referred to as the 'Gateway to the Highlands.' The former St. Kessog's Church is now the Tourist Information Centre. Saint Kessog was an Irish missionary of the sixth century. Dominating the town to the north are the Callander Craggs, a visible part of the Highland Boundary Fault, rising to 343 metres at the summit cairn. The nearby hill to the north-west of Callander is Ben Ledi (879 metres). Callander achieved prominence during the 1960s as the fictional town of 'Tannochbrae' in the original BBC television series Dr. Finlay's Casebook.

ATM/Cash Point: Bank of Scotland, Co-op, Tesco & ATMs

Taxi Companies: Jim Morgan Taxis 01877 330 496. Doune Travel 07789430 894.

Other Services/Shops: Supermarket. Post Office, Gift Shops

Police Station National Non-Emergency Number: 101 (Overseas Clients call 0044 1786 289070) & Public Telephone.

Places To Eat:

Crown Hotel 01877 330 040

Roman Camp 01877 330 003

Callander Meadows 01877 330 181 (open to non-residents Thurs - Sun)

The Old Rectory 01877 339 215

The Riverside Inn 01877 238 020

The Old Bank 01877 330 651

Strathyre

Strathyre (Gaelic: Srath Eadhair) is a village in Stirlingshire and is within the bounds of the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park. The district of Strathyre extends from east of Balquhidder following the River Balvaig which flows out of Loch Voil almost due south to Loch Lubnaig. The Strath (translation: broad mountain valley) was the route of the former Callander and Oban Railway and an 18th Century military road.

The village of Strathyre is largely a Victorian creation, having grown up with the arrival of the railway in the 1870s and the establishment of Strathyre railway station. The resident population recorded by the United Kingdom Census 2001 was around 100. Strathyre has a small primary school with 40 pupils on the roll, drawn from a catchment area which includes Balquhidder. Gaelic is taught in the infant school.

Taxi Companies: Nearest are in Callander. Jim Morgan Taxis 01877 330 496. Doune Travel 07789430 894.

Other Services/Shops: Village shop and Post Office (in village shop).

Police Station National Non-Emergency Number: 101 (Overseas Clients call 0044 1786 289070) & Public Telephone.

Places to Eat:

The White Stag 01877 384 333 (booking essential)

The Broch Café 01877 384 612 (Closed Wednesdays with opening hours of 1000 hrs to 1600 hours other days)

Killin

Killin (Cill Fhinn 'the White, or Fair, Church' in Gaelic) is at the western end of Loch Tay. The scenic Falls of Dochart, at the west end of the village are formed by the meeting of the rivers Dochart and Lochay. The falls are crossed by a narrow stone bridge. The MacNab Clan were once dominant here and their ancient burial ground is on Inchbuie in the River Dochart, just below the falls. In 1767 the minister of Killin, James Stuart, published the first New Testament in Scottish Gaelic. By the end of the 18th Century there was a local linen industry. Flax was grown locally, spun in small mills and woven into linen by home based weavers. Many local buildings have been preserved or converted, allowing the village to retain much of its historic character. The Breadalbane Folklore Centre in the Victorian former village mill displays the 'healing stones' of Saint Fillan (probably two 8th Century monks).

ATM/Cash Point: Bank of Scotland, ATM in Co-op.

Taxi Companies: Killin Taxis 07810 421 655

Other Services: Post Office. Co-op Food Store. Gift Shops. Public Toilets.

Police Station National Non-Emergency Number: 101 (Overseas Clients call 0044 1786 289070) & Public Telephone.

Places to Eat:

Falls of Dochart Inn 01567 820 270

Capercaillie 01567 820 355

Killin Hotel 01567 820 296 (1700 - 2100 hours with advanced booking required)

Courie Inn. 01567 831 000 (closed on Monday & Tuesday)

Aberfeldy

Aberfeldy (Gaelic: Obar Pheallaidh) is a small market town located in Highland Perthshire with a population of 2000. The Falls of Moness are featured in a well-known poem by Robert Burns 'The Birks of Aberfeldy.' The town is known for 'Wade's Bridge' built in 1733 and designed by architect William Adam, father of the more famous Robert Adam. General Wade, and later Major Caulfield was tasked with building roads and bridges across the Highlands to allow the suppression of the Jacobites following the rebellions of 1715 and 1745, the latter led by Bonnie Prince Charlie. Wade & Caulfield built some 1200 miles of road and 700 bridges between 1725 and 1767 and in doing so transformed the Highlands. General Wade considered this bridge to be his greatest accomplishment. Aberfeldy is also mentioned in the traditional Loch Tay Boat Song and the River Tay is a famous Salmon fishing river.

ATM/Cash Point: ATM's in Co-op, Premier Store & Post Office

Taxi Companies: Aberfeldy Taxis 01887 820 370 (advance booking required).

Other Services Include: Co-op Food Store, Post Office, gift shops, public toilets.

Police Station National Non-Emergency Number: 101 (Overseas Clients call 0044 1786 289070) & Public Telephone.

Places to Eat:

Three Lemons 01887 820057 (closed Monday & Tuesday)

Schiehallion Hotel 01887 820421

Chillies Indian Restaurant 01887 829200 (closed Tuesday)

Townhouse Aberfeldy 01887 829995

Fountain Bar & Restaurant 01877 820418

Black Watch Inn & Croft Restaurant 01887 820699.

Pitlochry

Pitlochry Baile Chloichridh or Baile Chloichrigh in Gaelic) is a burgh in the council area of Perth and Kinross in Scotland, lying on the River Tummel. Its population according to the 2001 census was 2,564. Pitlochry today dates largely from Victorian times, although the areas known as Moulin and Port-na-Craig are much older. In 1947 Pitlochry became a burgh. That year also saw the beginning of construction of a dam as part of the Tummel hydro-electric power scheme. The dam and its fish ladder are a popular tourist attraction today. The damming of the river created an artificial loch, Loch Faskally. The popular Pitlochry Festival Theatre was founded by John Stewart in 1951. Pitlochry has two malt whisky distilleries, the Bells' Blair Athol Distillery and the famously small Edradour Distillery.

ATM/Cash Points: Bank of Scotland & Co-op, ATMS.

Taxi Companies: SR Taxis 01796 473 931, Elizabeth Yule 01796 472 290

Other Services Include: Supermarket, Co-op, Wide Variety of Gift Shops, Post Office, Malt Whisky Shops. Public Toilets. Public Telephone. Railway Station.

VisitScotland Pitlochry iCentre: 01796 472 215 (closed Sunday)

Police Station National Non-Emergency Number: 101 (Overseas Clients call 0044 1786 289070) & Public Telephone.

Places to Eat:

Old Mill Inn 01796 474 020

Auld Smiddy Inn 01796 472 356

Prince of India 01796 472 275

Fern Cottage 01796 473 840

McKays Hotel 01796 473 888

Acarsaid Hotel 01796 472 389

Travel Information

Pitlochry is well serviced by both bus and rail. Traveline Scotland can help you plan journeys —please see website below.

USEFUL CONTACTS & LINKS

National Rail Enquiries	03457 484950	www.nationalrail.co.uk
National Rail Enquiries Overseas	+44 (0) 20 7278 5240	
ScotRail	0344 811 0141	www.scotrail.co.uk
Virgin – West Coast UK Rail Line	0871 977 4222	www.virgintrains.co.uk
CityLink Bus/Coach Service	0871 266 3333	www.citylink.co.uk
Traveline – Scotland. Journey Planning	0871 200 2233	www.travelinescotland.com
Strathclyde Passenger Transport	0141 332 6811	www.spt.co.uk
Glasgow Airport	0344 481 5555	www.glasgowairport.com
Glasgow/Glasgow Airport Bus		www.glasgowairport.com/to-and-from/bus
Edinburgh Airport	0844 448 8833	www.edinburghairport.com
Edinburgh Trams		www.edinburghtrams.com
Inverness Airport	01667 464000	www.hial.co.uk/inverness-airport
Tourist Information – Visit Scotland		www.visitscotland.com
Post Office	0345 722 3344	www.postoffice.co.uk
BBC Weather		www.bbc.co.uk/weather
Met Office	Weather Forecast	www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather

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